

Export of Iron Ore

2422. **SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN** : Will the Minister of **COMMERCE** be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of iron ore exported during the last three years ending 1990-91;

(b) the names of major importing countries with the quantity imported, year-wise;

(c) the average value for tonne FOB Indian port, year-wise and country-wise in SDRs; and

(d) the export target in terms of quantity and SDR value for 1991-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The total quantity of iron ore exported during the last three years ending 1990-91 was :

(In million tonnes)

1988-89	33.30
1989-90	33.51
1990-91	31.96

(Source : Exporting Agencies)

(b) and (c) A statement giving destination-wise exports of iron ore during the last three years, year-wise, is attached. The unit value realization ranges widely and is not comparable as it depends on various factors like type of ore (lumps, fines, concentrates or pellets), grade of ore (low, medium or high depending on Fe content), size of vessels loaded, rate of loading etc. Export data is not maintained/compiled in SDRs.

(d) The export target for 1991-92 in respect of iron ore is 34.75 million tonnes valued at Rs. 1225 crores. Export targets are not set/monitored in SDRs.

Statement**Country-wise Exports of Iron Ore**

(Quantity in Million tonnes)

Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC)

Country	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Japan	10.49	10.08	8.60
Korea, Rep.	3.11	2.91	3.07
Pakistan	0.34	0.39	0.41
Romania	2.36	2.32	1.05
G.D.R.	0.61	0.70	0.10
Others	0.74	1.12	0.99
TOTAL	17.64	17.52	14.22

Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL)

Country	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Japan	2.367	2.820	3.38
Bahrain	0.128	0.457	0.14
Czechoslovakia	1.149	0.168	0.20
Hungary	0.594	0.531	0.49
Turkey	0.357	0.325	0.38
Others	1.080	1.050	1.15
TOTAL	4.67	5.356	5.74

By Go-on Exporters

Country	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Japan	8.336	1.868	9.332
West Europe	1.665	2.117	1.855
South Korea	0.996	0.613	0.818
Taiwan	Nil	0.036	Nil
TOTAL	10.997	10.534	12.005

Jute Mill at Kishanganj (Bihar)

2423. **SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN** : Will the Minister of **TEXTILES** be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of the proposed jute mill at Kishanganj (Bihar);

(b) the amount invested in the project as on March 31, 1991;

(c) the latest estimated cost of the project;

(d) the estimated annual recurring expenditure on the project; and

(e) the likely date of the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The Letter of Intent for setting up a jute mill at Kishanganj, Bihar, lapsed on 30-6-85.

(b) to (e) Government are not aware of these details. However, in accordance with the new Industrial Policy no licence is required for the purpose of establishment of such a project.

Introduction of Five Day Week in Banks

2424. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce five day week in the banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what will be its effect on the business community and others ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export of Marine Products

2425. SHRI BHAGEY GOBAR-DHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the potential for promotion of marine products export during the next three years ;

(b) the new markets, other than Japan and U.S.A. being explored for export of marine products;

(c) the names of the countries which are competing in marine products export; and

(d) how the Indian marine products stand in the international market ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) :

(a) India has vast unexploited marine resources in its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The present yield from the Indian EEZ is less than one-third of the resource potential available. There is a vast potential to increase export through captured fisheries. Besides captured fisheries, emphasis is also given for prawn farming to augment the export production through cultured fisheries. The target for marine exports during the current year and for next three years, as projected by Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in quantity terms, is as given below :

	Tonnes
1991-92	1742975
1992-93	190400
1993-94	212200
1994-95	242500

(b) EEC has emerged as the leading market for our marine exports, besides a traditional market—Japan and USA. Export to EEC in last 3 years are as given below :

	Quantity MT	Rs. in Crores
1988-89	33824	124.39
1989-90	38888	155.03
1990-91	42190	226.95

Our marine exports to Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and UAE are indicative that these are the growing markets.

(c) China, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam and Ecuador are our major competitors in our major markets in Japan, USA and Europe.

(d) India is a marginal player in the global marine scenario. The total world import of marine products during 1989 was US \$ 35 billion and India's share is approximately 1% both in terms of quantity and value.